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GUNMEN ROB AUTO DRIVER ON CARY STREET ROAD ATTORNEY-GENERAL RULES AGAINST OZLIN TAX BILL MAKES COMPROMISE MOVE ON LEAGUE COVENANT

THREE BANDITS TIE UP CHAUFFEUR AND **ESCAPE IN MACHINE**

Highwaymen Attack Driver in Broad Daylight on Busy Road.

VICTIM IS FOUND BOUND

Robbers Abandon Big Car on Grace Street Short Time After Crime.

PISTOLS DISPLAYED BY TRIO

Employee of T. L. Moore Forced to Leave Motor by Threat of Instant Death.

Three unidentified highwaymen held up Percy Dowell, colored, chauffeur for Thomas L. Moore, of Warner, Moore yesterday afternoon on the Cary Street Road, robbed him of his pocketbook. threw him in a clump of bushes, took

Car Is Abandoned

Dowell immediately reported the hold-up to the bolice, and at 5 o'clock the car was found, but the bold highwaymen had effected their escape.

The hold-up took place about a half mile west of the belt line bridge.

One of the men was described as wearing a dark green suit and cap, height about five feet six inches and weighing 140 pounds. An imperfect description of the other two was given. Dowell being so badly scared that he was unable to observe anything about them beyond that their height appeared to be about fife feet four inches and weigh about 140 pounds. All three were young white men.

Dowell had been in the employ of Mr. Moore for several years prior to his going overseas, and upon his recent return and release from service he was given his former job.

CARDIFOLE FORATE MALLIED.

IS FIRST AERIAL DRUMMER

Overalls Salesman, in Flying Boat, Sells \$10,000 Worth on Four-Hour Trip.

(By Universal Service.) (Ry Universal Service.)

NEW YORK, August 20.—Roland Bassett, salesman for a big overalls house, qualified today as the first aerial drummer. Bassett made a trip by fiying boat from New York to Poughbosic and return this afternoon, with a stop at Yonkers en route, and sold \$10,000 worth of goods. The round trip York only four hours. The plane, which took only four hours. The plane, which was one of those belonging to the New York-Atlantic City line, was piloted by C. F. Zimmerman,

TWO SLEEPERS WRECKED

Pullmans Attached to Train No. 2 or Norfolk and Western Leave Rails at Boyce.

(By Associated Press. ROANOKE, VA., August 20.-Nor-folk and Western divisional officers reported early today two sleepers and one coach of No. 2 train left the track near Boyce, Va. Several were injured, but none was reported dead.

The wreck was caused by dropping down of brake rigging.

Spain Sends Mission to France.

PARIS, August 20.—The Spanish \$1.95 Round Trip, Old Point and Norgovernment is sending a mission to folk. Willoughby, \$2.05. 3 trains—France to buy excess war material.

\$3.30, 9 A. M., 12 noon.—Adv.

Here Is How Daylight Saving Works in Georgia

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, August 20.—This is how daylight saving works in Georgia, as related by Representative Lankford, in a speech to the House. "A man the other day in my district and county at Ambrose, Ga., said that he got out of had in the morning at 8 o'clock, caught a train at 7:45 o'clock, rode fourteen miles to Douglas, Ga., reaching Douglas at 7:30 o'clock; and e some purchases and caught a train back home at 7 o'clock and got back home at 7:30 o'clock. According to our different times, he was gone from home an hour and a half and got back home thrity minutes before he started."

BY MRS. GROVER C. DULA PREDICT EARLY ACTION IN RAILWAY DISPUTE

Director-General Hines Holds Conference With Representatives of Six Shop Crafts.

LATER CONSULTS PRESIDENT

Is Necessary or Another Congressional Appropriation Will Be Re-

action to settle unrest in the ranks

LEADING FOUR TROOPS IN CHASE FOR BANDITS

Carranza Cavalry Also Reported to Have Taken Up

CARNEGIE ESTATE VALUED

NOW AT FIFTY MILLIONS

Document Leaves Legacies to Former Servants of Iron Master and Personal Friends.

NEW YORK, August 20—Andrew Carnegie's will, which is to be filed for probate next week, will dispose of an estate valued at \$50,000,000, all that remains of the \$500,600,600, all that remains of the \$500,600,600, all that remains of the \$500,600,600,000 or so accumulated by the iron master in his business career. This was learned to day from one of the representatives of the estate.

The will is said to be about 4,500 words long. Several personal friends and former servants of Mr. Carnegie are to get small legacies. The bulk of the estate, it is understood, will go to members of the Carnegie family, although his daughter Margaret, now Mrs. Roswell Miller, and others were provided for before his death.

The Home Trust Company, of Hoboken, a Carnegie corporation, has been designated to act as executor without bond.

IS FIRST AFRIAL DRIMMED

der.

One horse also was killed and the Mexican rider jumped upon the horse of his slain companion and fled with several comrades of the hills. More cavalrymen are stationed at half a dozen places near that part of the border, and, while no intimation was given out at the office of the department commander, it was regarded likely other, troops would be sent across the line.

TWO JAPANESE STEAMERS

One Is Said to Be in Dangerous Posttion Near Victoria, B. C.

(By Associated Press.)

SEATTLE, WASH., August 20.—Two Japanese steamers, the Yomei Maru and the Sainbu Maru, early today were aground on the shore of the Straits of Juan de Fuca, according to wireless messages received here.

The Yomei was said to be in a dangerous position on Race Rocks, about seventeen miles west of Victoria, B. C. The Shinbu grounded on Benticks Island. Both went ashore in a fog last night, it was reported.

SENATOR PITTMAN OFFERS NEW PLAN

tive Resolutions Separate From Ratification.

Republican Groups' View Does Legislators Are Told Present Not Accord With Latest Suggestion.

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of the treaty was made in the Senate by Senator McCormick, Republican, Illinois, who asserted that by accept-ing the provision the United States would become a party to one of the most outrageous exhibitions of "hypo-crisy and violence" in the world's his-

Deviation From Historic Policy.

The Shantung provision also was under consideration before the Foreign Relations Committee, which was told by Dr. J. C. Ferguson, adviser to the Chinese President, that China regarded American acceptance of the settlement as a deviation from the traditional policy of American friendship to the Chinese government and people.

In his argument that reservations should not be incorporated in the ratification itself, Senator Pittman declared Germany was awaiting an opportunity to attach "hundreds of reservations," and that to reopen the subject would submit the United States to a needless risk. His resolution went over without action. Questions by Senator Borah turned the debate to a discussion of the moral and legal obligations assumed under Article X. of the covenant, by which the members Deviation From Historic Policy.

ARE REPORTED AGROUND HAMMOND CALLS FOR HELP · TO MEET STRIKE SITUATION

Disorders More Serious Than Those of Friday Feared by Authorities.

(By Associated Press.)
HAMMOND, IND., August 20,—City and county authorities here tonight called upon Governor Goodrich, at Indianpolis, for troops to aid in coping with the situation here due to the messages received here.

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Find 200 Cases of Cholera.

TOKYO. August 20.—Cholera has broken out on Formosa, and the government has declared a quarantine against the island. More than 200 cases have been found.

Indianpolis, for troops to aid in coping with the situation here due to the strike of employees of the Standard Steel Car Company, who last Friday stormed the streets in the vicinity of the car company in defiance of efforts of police and deputy sheriffs to maintain order.

The action of the authorities followed rejection tonight by the strikers of a compromise offer of the car company officials made at the end of a series of conferences which began last Priday.

Disorders

Disorders more serious than those of last Friday are feared v the officials and leaders of the strvers, who have tried to concilitate the ven and declare that the situation is beyond

TAX EQUALIZATION

Proposal Is to Adopt Interpre- Senate Names Subcommittee to Determine Advisability of

WANT ACTION PART OF PACT INEQUALITY IS CHARGED

System Is Fraud on the

The Associated Press. 1 Creation of a State board of tax WASHINGTON, August 20.—The equalization was a subject which st open move for a compromise in sprang suddenly to the front at the praced in a proposal that the Senate attention had been called to the gross moved that a subcommittee be apand determine the advisability of the some other matter of equalizing assess ments. This motion was adopted. It

Senator Addison declared that the present system was a fraud on the State and that it was productive of public dishenesty. He declared that he had been informed that the State tax equalization board in Kentucky was giving satisfaction, and that he favored a system somewhat on the order of that in that Commonwealth.

Cittes' Various Valuations

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Various instances of inadequate assessments were related by those present. Henry Roberts, of Bristol, related how some land in the southwest had recently sold at public auction at \$206 an acre and it was assessed at but \$20 an acre.

The Finance Committee favorably reported the bill providing for a 50 per cent increase in automobile license taxes, but decided not to recommend the additional 50 per cent proposed for county roads. The increase from \$3 to \$5 on motorcycles was retained. Bills in relation to taxation of capital used by merchants in their business were considered, and after various views had been presented the whole matter of this and additional sources of taxation was referred to a subcommittee. Senator Buchanan declared that practically all merchants falsified their returns. Members of the committee generally expressed the opinion that the minimum license on merchants should be increased from \$5 to \$15 or \$25.

yesterday by Senator Cannon and from these two draft a law designed to accomplish the general purpose.

Captain of Detectives Wright, of Richmond, appeared before the committee and advocated a more drastic law than that proposed in the Price bill. He declared that last year \$300.000 worth of automobiles had been stolen in Richmond and that within the past month \$15,000 worth had been stolen.

to a discussion of the moral and legal obligations assumed under Article X, of the covenant, by which the members agree to preserve one another's territorial integrity against external aggression. The article, Mr. Pittman aggression. The article, Mr. Pittman agreeted, had no legal force because it "does not carry the essentials of a contract."

No Court to Enforce Covenant.

"You could not take it into a court of law," he said, "and find any means by which it could be enforced by the conscience of the parties affected."

But when Germany actually invaded France," replied Senator Borah, "it seems to me that under Article X, we would have been obligated to go at once to the aid of France."

"The matter would have been laid before Congress," said Senator Pittman, "and Congress would have had to decide whether we would act, In my judgment, Congress would have decided we should act, and it would have been a Godsend.

"I agree with that, but still Congress would have been compelled to act if it were going to carry out its contract," returned Mr. Borah.

HAMMOND CALLS FOR HELP

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SERIOUS FOREST FIRES RAGE.

SENATORS DECIDE BOARD IS SOUGHT TO OPEN DOOR FOR TEACHERS' RELIEF

Adopt Conrad Amendment Broadening Scope of Assembly's Work.

RESOLUTION AGAIN GOES TO HOUSE FOR CONCURRENCE

Provides for Action on Legislation Relating to School Workers' Salaries.

MANY TAKE PART IN DEBATE

Amherst Man Declares Schools and Roads Should Go Hand in Hand.

After persistent efforts, the advothat the matter will not be cates of widening the scope of legisla-d in definite shape at the spe-tion to be considered at the special presented in definite shape at the special session, but it is believed that it will be one of the most important subjects to come up before the regular adoption by the Senate of Senator Considered at the special session of the General Assembly succeeded yesterday in securing the adoption by the Senate of Senator Considered

cedure at the special session is as follows: A general resolution has been adopted by both House and Senate limiting legislation to roads matters and such other matters as may be submitted by the Governor. In addition to this, the House has passed a resolution allowing consideration of bills of a local nature which "have been" referred to committees.

Resolution's Amendments. This latter resolution has been amended by the Senate in two particulars. One allows the consideration of local bills which have been or 'may he' referred to committees; the other

as adopted by the committee, and Senate ordered 500 copies printed.

the last session the General Assembly endeavored to make a substantial increase in teachers' pay, but it did not anticipate the great increase in the cost of living. "The paltry stipend we give these faithful public servants has been found to wither in their grasp to one-haif of its purchasing power," he said. Further he asked:

"What employer has been able to hold his employees without recognizing the imperative necessity of giving them sufficient compensation to keep the breath in their bodies?"

Senator Strode further declared that the contracts with teachers for the coming session must be made now or in the early fall. Senator Mapp then asked if the contracts had not already been made. Senator Strode said that he was not definitely informed on this matter but Senator Addison replied that he assumed that the contracts had been let on the basis of the official estimated. Addison replied that he assumed that the contracts had been let on the basis of the official estimates.

Continuing his address the Amherst Senator declared that Virginia was financially well able to meet the school emergency and that he believed that schools and roads should go hand in hand as in the past.

Senator Gravatt declared that ne could not see how the simple addition to teachers salaries would remedy the school situation. He said that in some counties there was not remedy the school situation. He said that in some counties there was not a 50 per cent attendance of the children and this he attributed to bat roads. He said that the attendance in the cities was far better than in the country and this was due to the difference in the thoroughfares.

Says Office Paralyzes Initiative.

Replying to arguments that school legislation should not be considered unless submitted by the Governor, Senator Strode said:

"I have frequently wondered how the office of Governor has been the cause apparently of a creeping paralysis in initiative on those who occupy it. The responsibility at last rests where it ought to be, on the shoulders of the General Assembly. I have often hoped that some time we would have a Governor who would see the fallow field there lies here in Virginia for any sort of feariess leadership and initiative."

Senator Royall, floor leader of the Republicans, supported the Conrad amendment as did also other Republicans present. The Senator from Tazewell denied that it was a betrayal of trust for the General Assembly to go outside the scope of the call. He declared that he wanted the salaries of teachers to be 'acreased and that the situation was acute in counties of his district bordering on West Virginia and Kentucky.

Rison is For and West Against. Says Office Paralyzes Initiative.

Day's Happenings in State Assembly

IN THE SENATE.

House resolution amended by allowing the consideration of bill to increase the salaries of public school-teachers of the State.

Receipt of report of Superintendent of Public Instruction informing Senate of over \$1,000,000 deficiency in school funds.

Committee on Courts of Justice considers bills providing for recondation of automobile titles, and the punishment of thefts of automobiles by imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Committee on Finance approints subcommittee to consider question of State Board of Tax Equalization. IN THE SENATE.

The Willis resolution, limiting taxation for roads at the special session to those embraced in the State highway system, defeated after a spirited debate.

Governor Davis submitted a communication from the State Corporation Commission showing that were the "Plumb" plan of public ownership of railroads and canals adopted the State of Virginia at the end of ten years would lose approximately \$2,500,000 derived from taxation.

The resolution of Delegate Price, of Richmond, asking for a joint committee of the llouse and Senate to investigate the reasons for the high cost of living and report their findings as the basis of legislation, was passed almost unanimously.

SAYS PLUMB PLAN WOULD CURTAIL STATE'S INCOME

Corporation Commission Declares Its Provisions Reduce Revenues 25 Per Cent.

Present Annual Payment From This Source to Treasury Is Approximately \$2,250,000-Counties and Cities Also Lose Largely.

Would Be Cut 10 Per Cent Yearly.

"It appears from the printed bill embodying what is known as the Plumb plan' for public ownership of railways and canals, the States, counties and cities would be deprived immediately of all revenue from taxes on the franchises and property of such transportation lines. Reports of hearings on the bill appearing in the press state that the author of the plan will revise the bill so as to provide that taxes paid on railway franchises and property to the several States shall be reduced 10 per cent each year, until at the end of ten years no taxes shall be paid.

Provide Other Revenue Sources.

or a license tax on all automobiles be paid.

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"Should public ownership become a fact through an act of Congress embodying the proposed amendment, it was made to Congress embodying the proposed amendment, it was made of Virginia to provide other means of Virginia to provide other public free scatt government and the first year to \$23,34,60,56. The operation Commission in 1918 upon the property and franchises of steam railways amounted to \$2,234,60,56. The operation of the Plumb plan, as reported, would take from the revenues of the State a sum which, on the present basis, would amount in the first year to \$23,000; the sceond year to \$466,000; the third year to \$669,000, and which at the end of ten years would cost the State in taxes possibly \$2,500,000 per annum, or approximately \$2,500,000 per annum, or approximatel Provide Other Revenue Sources.

Before Corporation Commis-

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LEVY MADE GENERAL FOR LOCAL PURPOSES ONLY, SAYS OFFICER

Delegate Will Remodel Measure to Place Money in Treasury.

EFFORTS TO DELAY ACTION OVERWHELMINGLY DEFEATED

Ask Right of Legislators to Fix Taxes Benefiting Only Counties.

OPINION OF JOSIAH HANK

Adherants of Federal Aid Plan Put Up Battle to Prevent Confusion in Issue.

Advocates of a 5-cent levy for county eads won hands down in a test of the House of Delegates of the movement to raise at this session funds only

Later, when the fight shifted to the office of the Attorney-General, they Hank, Jr., who held that the tax as imposed under the Ozlin bill is uncon-DOES AWAY WITH RAILWAY TAX for local purposes only, though it will be levied on general property of the State at large.

Delegate Ozlin, taking the cue from Mr. Hank, expects fortune to take another turn in his favor today, when he will have so amended his measure as to provide for placing the 5 cents

Virginia at the end of ten years would be deprived of approximately \$2.500,000 in taxes, or about 25 percent of its entire revenue, were the Plumb plan of public ownership of railroads and canals adopted, according to a communication filed with Governor Davis by the State Corporation Commission.

This communication the chief executive sent yesterday to the General Assembly. No recommendation for action was made by the Governor. In the House it was received and ordered to be printed as House document No. 2.

Would-Be Cut 10 Per Cent Yearly.

as to provide for placing the 5 cents for county roads in the State treasury, to be apportioned to the counties under an appropriation bill, which will be drawn at the proper time.

The fight in the House waged around a resolution introduced by Floor Leader Willis, who declared that the special session was called for the special session was call

Once the resolution was before the House every effort on the part of its proponents to have it referred to the proper committee or delay action upon it met with overwhelming defeat from the members who sponsor the movement on behalf of the county roads or "feeders" to the State system. Fin-

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Opinion of Attorney-General,